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**MINUTES OF THE  
FEDERAL INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (FICEMS)  
Ambulance Safety Subcommittee**

<b>DATE &amp; TIME:</b>	September 2, 2004 9:00 a.m.
<b>LOCATION:</b>	National Emergency Training Center (NETC) Building J, Room 107 16825 South Seton Avenue Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727
<b>MEMBER AGENCY REPRESENTATION:</b>	<b>Department of Homeland Security</b> <i>Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)</i> Mr. Bill Troup United States Fire Administration
	<b>Department of Agriculture</b> No Representation
	<b>Department of Commerce (DOC)</b> No Representation
	<b>Department of Defense (DOD)</b> No Representation
	<b>Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)</b> Ms. Nancy Romano AS Subcommittee Chair National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)
	<b>Department of Interior</b> No Representation
	<b>Department of Justice (DOJ)</b> No Representation
	<b>Department of Labor</b> No Representation

	<b>Department of Transportation (DOT)</b> Mr. David Bryson National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)  Mr. Drew Dawson National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)  Ms. Carol Ferro National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)  Ms. Susan McHenry National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)
	<b>Department of Veteran Affairs</b> Ms. Paula James*
	<b>Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)</b> No Representation
	<b>Federal Communications Commission</b> No Representation
	<b>General Services Administration (GSA)</b> No Representation
<b>OTHER ATTENDEES PRIVATE SECTOR:</b>	<b>American Ambulance Association</b> Mr. Kurt Krumperman*
	<b>American Medical Response</b> Mr. Ron Thackery*
	<b>American Society Testing &amp; Materials (ASTM)</b> Mr. Pete Chambers*
	<b>Council of Governments</b> Ms. Christine Woodard
	<b>Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services System</b> Ms. Rene Fechter
	<b>National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC)</b> Mr. Joe Robison

	<b>Estero Fire &amp; Rescue Department &amp; IAOFD</b> Dr. Jeff Lindsey*
	<b>Harlem Hospital</b> Ms. Nadine Levick*
	<b>Little Rock, AR, Metropolitan Emergency Medical Systems (MEMS)</b> Mr. Jon Swanson*
	<b>The Insurance Professionals</b> Mr. Bill Leonard*
	<b>VFIS</b> Mr. Rick Patrick

***\*Dial-in Participants***

**I. ANNOUNCEMENTS & INTRODUCTIONS**

Ms. Nancy Romano called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. and proceeded with introductions.

In addition, Ms. Romano made an announcement earlier and will suggest to the main FICEMS committee to switch times with the CT subcommittee to allow more participation from those on the West Coast (**AI**).

**II. REVIEW OF PAST MEETING MINUTES & ACTION ITEMS**

Ms. Romano made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from June minutes were approved.

Ms. Romano reviewed the status of the action items generated from the June meeting. Actions (A) and Status (S) is listed below from the previous meetings action items:

A: Ms. Romano will provide a list of Federal agency meetings/conferences to Mr. Leonard.  
S: Ms. Romano did not provide this list as she does not have one to distribute. Dave Bryson offered to forward a list of conference they attend to Ms. Romano. Ms. Romano & Mr. Troop will work together to compile a list of Federal agencies and will be distributed in September (**AI**).

A: Ms. Nancy Romano recommended he talk more about this in the September FICEMS Meeting. Commander Caneva said he would confirm if a volunteer could talk more about these issues for the main FICEMS meeting in September. (**ACTION ITEM for Main FICEMS Meeting**)

S: This was completed and currently on the FICEMS September agenda.

A: Mr. Bill Troup will forward Dr. Levick's contact information to Ms. Fechter.

S: Ms. Fechter received Dr. Levick's contact information as it is listed in the FICEMS database.

A: Ms. Romano asked that Mr. Rick Patrick provide a short presentation Operation Safe Arrival at the September meeting. Mr. Patrick will let Ms. Romano know how much time to a lot for the presentation.

S: This was completed and currently on the September agenda.

A: It was suggested and agreed upon that the AS would have frequent teleconferences due to time issues and difficulty hearing when calling into FICEMS. Ms. Romano agreed to have the teleconferences and use the quarterly meetings for more subcommittee updates.

S: Unknown status, need further clarification.

### **III. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Rick Patrick, VFIS, provided an overview on Operation Safe Arrival. See attached PowerPoint presentation (**waiting on a .pdf copy from N. Romano**).

Dr. Jeff Lindsay discussed Simulation Effects and Benefits in a prior teleconference this week addressed Q&A's. Compliments across the board were received but no further questions. There will be a transcription of the teleconference discussion and Ms. Romano should receive it this week and will distribute it to the group (**AI**).

#### ***Reports: Other Interested Parties***

Ron Thackery, American Medical Response, has three brief open discussion items that may be of interest to this group. The first is related to an article in a communication publication by the Bureau of National Affairs, dated August 26, 2004, NATOSH has a subgroup discussing Motor Vehicle Safety, specifically Ambulance Crash Survivability. The article cited a reference 34OSHR711 on July 8, 2004. This may be of specific interest to the group.

The next item is related to OSHA in general. They are taking on the issue of Motor Vehicle Safety by partnering with the Safety Council for non-DOT entities. This may be something that this group needs to pay attention to as well.

The last item that I mentioned is AAA group, M&TS is hosting a meeting at the EMS Expo on Vehicle Safety. An invitation to this group is open if you are interested. The meeting is on October 21, 2004 in Atlanta, GA. If you are interested in attending or being added to the agenda, please contact Mr. Thackery directly.

Pete Chambers, ASTM, addressed the ongoing issue of the focus of this subcommittee. He wanted to know if there is a goal at the end of the tunnel? Ms. Levick and Ms. Romano reiterated their understanding of the 'FOCUS' of this particular subcommittee. The focus or goal is that this committee is an information sharing group to open the doors between the members of the FICEMS committees so we are all aware of what others are working on so we each don't re-invent the wheel.

#### **IV. NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Patrick, VFIS has deferred the discussion on Preemption Systems until the December meeting in the essence of time.

Mr. Bryson, NHTSA, Ambulance Safety National Meeting Discussion.

#### **V. NEW and/or ONGOING ACTION ITEMS**

1. Ms. Romano will suggest to the main FICEMS committee to switch times with CT subcommittee to allow more participation from those on the West Coast **(AI)**.
2. Ms. Romano will provide a list of Federal agency meetings/conferences to Mr. Leonard. Ms. Romano did not provide this list as she does not have one compiled to distribute to the group. Dave Bryson offered to forward a list of conference they attend to Ms. Romano. Ms. Romano & Mr. Troop will work together to compile a list of Federal agencies and will be distributed sometime later this month **(AI)**.
3. Ms. Romano will provide a transcription of the teleconference discussion that was provided by Dr. Jeff Lindsay on Simulation Effects and Benefits. Ms. Romano should receive it this week and will distribute it to the group **(AI)**.
4. Mr. Bryson wants to have a teleconference (September/October) to discuss the one page handout (Ambulance Safety National Meeting) **(AI)**.

#### **VI. NEXT MEETING**

December 2, 2004, 9:00 a.m.  
NTIS, Springfield, VA.

#### **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.